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Do you have a "Faith Buddy"? If so, who? If not, have you ever?

Jonathan and His Armor-Bearer

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What do you think of Jonathan?

What do you think of his armor-bearer?

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How does that principle apply to these issues of the Christian life?

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